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AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1 Section 1. KRS 154.12-203 is amended to read as follows:

2 (1) There is created the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs. The commission
3 shall be a separate administrative body of state government within the meaning of
4 KRS Chapter 12.

5 (2) It shall be the purpose of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs to:

6 (a) Address matters of military significance to Kentucky;

7 (b) Maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship between state agencies
8 and the military entities in Kentucky, as necessary to ensure coordination and
9 implementation of unified, comprehensive, statewide strategies involved with,
10 or affected by, the military;

11 (c) Advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the Kentucky congressional
12 delegation, and other appropriate government officials on all matters in which
13 the military services and the Commonwealth have mutual interests, needs, and
14 concerns;

15 (d) Take action to promote and optimize state and Department of Defense
16 initiatives that will improve the military value of Kentucky's National Guard,
17 active, and reserve military force structure and installations, and improve the
18 quality of life for military personnel residing in the Commonwealth;

19 (e) Coordinate, as necessary, the state's interest in future Department of Defense
20 base closure and restructuring activities;

21 (f) Recommend state, federal, and local economic development projects which
22 would promote, foster, and support economic progress through military
23 presence in the Commonwealth;

24 (g) Promote and assist the private sector in developing spin-off investments,
25 employment, and educational opportunities associated with high-technology

- 1 programs and activities at Kentucky's military installations;
- 2 (h) Recommend to the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership the long-
- 3 range options and potential for the defense facilities located in Kentucky;
- 4 (i) Develop strategies to encourage military personnel to retire and relocate in
- 5 Kentucky and promote those leaving the military as a viable quality workforce
- 6 for economic development and industrial recruitment; and
- 7 (j) Allocate available grant money to qualified applicants to further the purposes
- 8 of paragraphs (a) to (i) of this subsection.
- 9 (3) The Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs shall consist of:
- 10 (a) The Governor, or his designated representative;
- 11 (b) The secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development, or his designated
- 12 representative;
- 13 (c) The adjutant general of the Commonwealth, or his designated representative;
- 14 (d) The executive director of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center, or
- 15 his designated representative;
- 16 (e) *The executive director of the Office of Homeland Security, or his designated*
- 17 *representative;*
- 18 (f) The secretaries of the following cabinets, or their designees:
- 19 1. Finance and Administration;
- 20 2. Families and Children;
- 21 3. Justice;
- 22 4. Natural Resources and Environmental Protection;
- 23 5. Transportation;
- 24 6. Workforce Development;
- 25 7. Education, Arts, and Humanities;
- 26 8. Health Services;
- 27 9. Revenue; ~~and~~

10. Labor; *and*

11. Personnel;

(g){(f)} The Attorney General, or his designee;

(h){(g)} The commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or a designee;

(i){(h)} The executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs
or a designee;

(j){(i)} Kentucky's Civilian Aides{Aide} to the Secretary of the United States
Army;

(k){(j)} Two (2) members of the Kentucky General Assembly, with experience
in or an interest in military and defense-related issues, one (1) member to be
appointed by the President of the Senate, and one (1) member to be appointed
by the Speaker of the House;

(l){(k)} The commander or the designee of the commander of each of the
following as nonvoting, ex officio members:

1. Fort Campbell;
2. Fort Knox;
3. United States Army Recruiting Command;
4. Bluegrass Army Depot;
5. Louisville District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers;
6. The One Hundredth Training Division;
7. Naval Surface Warfare Center - Port Hueneme Division, Louisville
Detachment{Technology Park of Greater Louisville}; and
8. Any other installation or organization, including but not limited to the
United States Coast Guard, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, with a
military mission in the Commonwealth; and

(m){(l)} Five (5) at-large members appointed by the Governor who shall be
residents of counties significantly impacted by military installations.

- 1 (4) The terms of the five (5) at-large members shall be staggered so that two (2)
2 appointments shall expire at two (2) years, one (1) appointment shall expire at three
3 (3) years, and two (2) appointments shall expire at four (4) years, from the dates of
4 initial appointment.
- 5 (5) (a) The commission shall establish an executive committee consisting of the
6 secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development, the adjutant general of
7 the Commonwealth, the commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs,
8 the executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, and
9 the five (5) at-large members. The chair and vice chair of the Kentucky
10 Commission on Military Affairs shall be appointed by the Governor from
11 among the members of the executive committee.
- 12 (b) The chair and vice chair of the commission shall also serve as chair and vice
13 chair of the executive committee.
- 14 (c) The executive committee shall serve as the search committee for an executive
15 director of the commission and shall have any other authority the commission
16 delegates to it.
- 17 (6) The commission shall meet two (2) times each year, and may meet at other times on
18 call of the chair, to establish the commission's goals and to review issues identified
19 and recommendations made by the executive committee. A majority of the
20 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the commission's business.
21 Members' designees shall have voting privileges at commission meetings.
- 22 (7) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be
23 reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses actually incurred in the discharge of
24 their duties on the commission, subject to Finance and Administration Cabinet
25 administrative regulations.
- 26 (8) The commission may establish committees or work groups composed of
27 commission members and citizens as necessary to advise the commission in

1 carrying out its responsibilities, duties, and powers. Citizen members of committees
2 or work groups shall not have a vote.

3 (9) The commission may promulgate necessary administrative regulations as prescribed
4 by KRS Chapter 13A.

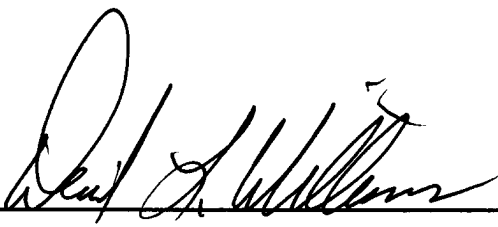
5 (10) The commission may adopt bylaws and operating policies necessary for its efficient
6 and effective operation.

7 (11) There shall be an executive director, who shall be the administrative head and chief
8 executive officer of the commission, recommended by the executive committee,
9 approved by the commission, and appointed by the Governor. The executive
10 director shall have authority to hire staff, contract for services, expend funds, and
11 operate the normal business activities of the commission.


12 (12) The Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs and its executive committee shall be
13 an independent agency attached to the Office of the Governor.



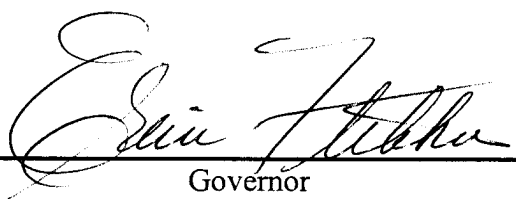
Speaker-House of Representatives



President of the Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 

Governor

Date 